Procurement and issue prices of wheat and rice

*654. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the increase in procurement prices *vis-a-vis* issue prices of wheat and rice during 1991-92 to 1996-97 and 1997-98 to 2001-2002;

(b) how far the cost of production of wheat and rice moved during the above period; and

(c) whether the farmers have not been compensated for the increase in the cost of production of wheat and rice during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) The Minimum Support Price (MSP) of paddy was increased from Rs. 230 per quintal in 1991-92 to Rs. 380 in 1996-97 showing an increase of 65.2%. Similarly, the MSP of paddy (common), fixed at Rs. 415 per quintal in 1997-98, was raised to Rs. 530 per quintal in 2001-02 showing an increase of 27.7%.

The MSP of wheat was raised from Rs. 275 per quintal in 1991-92 to Rs. 475 (inclusive of the bonus of Rs. 60 per quintal) in 1996-97 showing an increase of 72.7%. Similarly, the MSP of wheat was raised from Rs. 510 per quintal in 1997-98 (inclusive of the bonus of Rs. 55 per. quintal), to Rs. 620 per quintal in 2001-02, showing an increase of 21.6%.

The Targeted Public Disribution System (TPDS) replaced the PDS in June 1997. The TPDS System follows a two-tier subsidised pricing structure for Families Below Poverty Line (BPL) and for those Above Poverty Line (APL). It is, therefor, difficult to measure the increase in the CIP of rice and wheat over this period. However, a Statement showing central issue prices of wheat and rice during 1990-91 to 2000-01 is enclosed (Statement-I).

(b) As per the latest information available, a statement showing cost of production of wheat. and paddy in major growing States between 1991-92 to 1998-99 is also enclosed (Statement-II).

(c) It will be seen from the annexed statements that farmers have generally been compensated for increase in the cost of production of wheat and rice during the last five years.

Statement-I

Statement showing Central Issue Price of wheat during (1990-91 to 2000-2001)

(Rupees per quintal)

Year	CIP		Effective from
1990-91	234		01.05.1990
1991-92	280		28.12.1991
1992-93	330		11.01.1993
1993-94	402		01.02.1994
1994-95			
1995-96			
1996-97	BPL	APL	
1997-98	250	450	01.06.1997
1998-99	250	650	29.01.1999
1999-2000	250	682	01.04.1999
2000-2001	450	900	01.04.2000
	415	830	25.07.2000
2001-2002	415	610	12.07.2001

Statement showing Central Issue Price of rice during 1990-1991 to 2000-2001

(Rupees per quintal)

Year	CIP of rice			For APL/BPL	Effective from
	Common	Fine	Superfine		
1990-91	289	349	370		25.06.1990
1991-92	377	437	458		28.12.1991
1992-93	437	497	518		11.01.1993
1993-94	537	617	648		01.02.1994
1994-95	—	650	750		
1995-96	350	350	—		
1996-97				For APL families	01.06.1997
				For BPL families	

(Rupees per quintal)

Year	CIP of rice		For APL/BPL	Effective from
	Common	Grade A		
1997-98	550*	700	For APL families	01.12.1997
1998-99	350	350	For BPL families	
1999-2000	700*	905	For APL families	29.01.1999
2000-2001	1135	1180	For APL families	01.04.2000
	590	590	For BPL families	
	1087*	1130	For APL families	25.07.2000
	565	565	For BPL families	25.07.2000
2001-2002	795*	830	For APL families	12.07.2001
	565	565	For BPL families	

* Applicable for APL families of J&K, Himachal Pradesh, N.E. States, Sikkim and hilly area of Uttar Pradesh.

Statement-II

Cost of Production of wheat & paddy in major growing States between 1991-982 to 1998-99

Crop	State	Year	Cost of Production Cost C2 (Rs./Qtl.)
Wheat	Punjab	1991-92	210.41
		1992-93	250.72
		1993-94	N .A.
		1994-95	298.68
		1995-96	342.83
		1996-97	362.50
		1997-98	411.97
		1998-99	398.58

Crop	State	Year	Cost of Production Cost C2 (Rs./Qtl.)
	Haryana	1991-92	168.41
		1992-93	217.52
		1993-94	N.A.
		1994-95	263.30
		1995-96	292.26
		1996-97	336.13
		1997-98	391.85
		1998-99	365.77
	U.P.	1991-92	N.A.
		1992-93	N .A.
		1993-94	N .A.
		1994-95	N.A.
		1995-96	328.02
		1996-97	362.56
		1997-98	362.65
		1998-99	388.68
	M.P.	1991-92	317.17
		1992-93	343.69
		1993-94	N .A.
		1994-95	384.15
		1995-96	377.02
		1996-97	492.09
		1997-98	475.25
		1998-99	481.37
	Rajasthan	1991-92	N.A.
		1992-93	233.64
		1993-94	N.A.
		1994-95	282.53
		1995-96	299.63
		1996-97	393.67
		1997-98	393.02
		1998-99	413.33

Crop	State	Year	Cost of Production Cost C2 (Rs./Qtl.)
Paddy	West Bengal	1991-92	222.54
		1992-93	N.A.
		1993-94	N.A.
		1994-95	314.88
		1995-96	352.91
		1996-97	379.16
		1997-98	429.26
		1998-99	490.46
	Punjab	1991-92	206.77
		1992-93	224.38
		1993-94	266.87
		1994-95	290.36
		1995-96	330.81
		1996-97	344.81
		1997-98	356.40
		1998-99	407.90
	Haryana	1991-92	241.09
		1992-93	300.49
		1993-94	N .A.
		1994-95	413.38
		1995-96	N .A.
		1996-97	424.68
		1997-98	477.12
		1998-99	537.88
	A.P.	1991-92	N.A.
		1992-93	N .A.
		1993-94	N.A.
		1994-95	341.74
		1995-96	363.60
		1996-97	405.82
		1997-98	436.72
		1998-99	432.54

Crop	State	Year	Cost of Production Cost C2 (Rs./Qtl.)
	Orissa	1991-92	186.46
		1992-93	213.06
		1993-94	N.A.
		1994-95	259.16
		1995-96	299.07
		1996-97	365.02
		1997-98	344.73
		1998-99	N.A.

Fertilizer plants

†*655. PROF. R. B. S.VARMA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the present number of fertilizer plants set up in the country, the number of such plants which are in running condition and those which are lying closed;

(b) whether Government are contemplating to restart the closed fertilizer plants;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the quantity of fertilizers being produced in these plants and the consumption of fertilizers in the country, year-wise, separately?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA): (a) At present, there are 67 large sized major fertilizer plants in the country manufacturing a wide range of nitrogenous, phosphatic and complex fertilizers. Out of these, the operations of the following plants of the fertilizer Public Sector

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.